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SUBJECT:REALLOCATION OF SURPLUS FISHERY STOCKS TO POLAND
AND USSR

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE HAS PROPOSED THAT
31,000MT OF THE INITIAL 41,000MT OF PACIFIC HAKE RESERVED
FOR U.S. FISHERMEN BE REASSIGNED TO THE 1978 TOTAL ALLOW-
ABLE LEVEL OF FOREIGN FISHING (TALFF). THE PACIFIC
FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THIS PROPOSAL, AND
THE DEPARTMENT NOW INTENDS TO REALLOCATE THIS SURPLUS, PLUS
AN ASSOCIATED BYCATCH ALLOWANCE TO POLAND AND THE USSR.
BOTH NATIONS ARE CURRENTLY FISHING THEIR INITIAL ALLOCATION
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OF THIS STOCK.

2. ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS FOR THESE NORTHEAST PACIFIC
SPECIES ARE LISTED BELOW BY COUNTRY IN METRIC TONS. RE-
VISED TOTAL 1978 ALLOCATIONS ARE IN PARENTHESES.

A) USSR: HAKE - 17,670 (67,970); PACIFIC OCEAN PERCH AND

OTHER ROCKFISHES - 142 (542); FLOUNDER - 17 (67); SABLE-FISH - 18 (68); OTHER SPECIES - 88 (338).

B) POLAND: HAKE - 13,330 (22,030); PACIFIC OCEAN PERCH AND OTHER ROCKFISHES - 108 (188); FLOUNDER - 13 (23); SABLE-FISH - 13 (23); OTHER SPECIES - 67 (118).

3. FOR MOSCOW: REALLOCATIONS OF RESERVE HAKE AND ASSOCIATED BYCATCH SPECIES WERE BASED ON CURRENT SOVIET SHARE (57 PERCENT) OF THE TOTAL TALFF FOR PACIFIC HAKE.

4. FOR WARSAW: POLAND RECEIVED A PORTION OF THIS RESERVE BASED ON ITS CURRENT ALLOCATION, AS WELL AS THE PORTION WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN REALLOCATED TO THE MEXICANS, IF THEY HAD FILLED, OR BEEN CLOSE TO FILLING, THEIR ALLOCATION. THIS DISPROPORTIONATE REALLOCATION REFLECTS U.S. AWARENESS OF THE SUBSTANTIAL OVERALL REDUCTIONS REQUIRED IN TOTAL POLISH EAST AND WEST COAST FISHERY ALLOCATIONS IN 1978.

5. FOR MEXICO CITY: WHILE MEXICO WAS ALSO ALLOCATED A SHARE OF THIS FISHERY FOR 1978, THEY HAVE NOT YET BEGUN TO FISH. IN ADDITION, MEXICO STILL HAS 15,000MT OF THIS STOCK HELD IN RESERVE. ACCORDINGLY, NO ADDITIONAL HAKE ALLOCATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO MEXICO. NEWSOM

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